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Oliver Close tenants shocked by sacking of their CBHA board



The Community Based Housing Association (CBHA) tenant-led board members have all been sacked for not agreeing to the Peabody Trust's reorganisation proposals.

CBHA was set up as a subsidiary of Peabody and developed into one of the most successful tenant-led organisations. Now Peabody want to take over completely and impose its own board members.

Bob Sullivan says: I have known some of the Oliver Close CBHA board members for over 20 years. They have done a fantastic job in giving tenants a real say about the running of the CBHA. In putting in their own faceless board members, Peabody Trust is insulting the tenants. **Focus** will be supporting the tenants' campaign to try to keep the CBHA from being taken over.

Liberal Democrats: Fighting for you

On yer bike!



The Council is campaigning to get people to get on their bikes for health reasons. They advertise that people who cycle live, on average, two years longer. Unfortunately not likely in Waltham Forest. Waltham Forest has the worst cancer causing dust particles in the air than all the surrounding boroughs. Recent figures show in 2008 the death of 129 people was attributed to the cancer causing dust. In fact, Leyton Ward had the highest number of these deaths.



Focus says: Money has been spent from the Mayor's Air Quality Fund and some more is promised. With car use increasing more should be done to combat air pollution on our roads. Riding a bike should be healthy and not turn into a health risk.

New leader for the Lib Dems

Long-serving former councillor **Bob Sullivan** welcomed the election of **Tim Farron** MP, as the new leader of the Liberal Democrats.



Tim Farron

Tim Farron said that under his leadership the party would oppose the cuts to tax credits and other benefits in the Conservative's budget and push for greater spending on infrastructure such as transport and broadband.

Bob says: "The Labour Party had nothing to say and presented no opposition to the Tories appalling welfare budget cuts. I am very pleased that every **Lib Dem** MP voted against the cuts. Why should we agree to take £1,000 a year from working families, it is disgusting and immoral. Well done Tim."

Coopers Lane

What has happened to the well-advertised building of the **YMCA** innovative use of containers for homes for youngsters called **Mypad**? Plans were agreed under a fanfare of support from the Council but years later the building at number **20 Coopers Lane** remains derelict.



Focus is investigating and will report back in the next edition.

Lib Dem Focus Team Working for You



Harrow Green Community Library

Labour Council continues to put propaganda before services



The old library building at Harrow Green

When the Council closed the Harrow Green Library some years ago a number of concerned residents set up a community library nearby in the EpiCentre. With support from the local community the volunteer-led community library has become a great success. Unfortunately the room they use in the Centre is only temporary and is far too small. Local Lib Dems and local residents are looking to the

Council to allow the use of part of the old Harrow Green Library building either free of charge, or for help to secure a long term funding source, to pay the rent.

Focus says: Most of the old library is left empty. By closing the original library the Council has saved at least £120,000 a year. A fraction of that saving would help to keep the Harrow Green Community Library continuing as a popular resource for the community.

Can you believe it?

Labour has recently promised to cut services by over £13million including adult social care, services for children, public health and street services but will still employ 11 full time staff producing Labour propaganda.

We get 26 editions (every two weeks) of Waltham Forest News, a 80 page glossy magazine and a 50 page Enjoy Life booklet.

Propaganda before services is the message this Labour Council is promoting.

Lib Dems - supporting local people

Church Road tree roots

The **Focus Team** is pleased that the basal tree roots of the trees in **Church Road** have been cut off. Vehicles turning out of **Rosedene Terrace** were blind to oncoming traffic due to the massive tree growth on the base of the two large trees in **Church Road**.

Focus member Bob Sullivan urgently reported the danger and was pleased at the quick response

Ive Farm Close

The old garage area at the bottom of **Ive Farm Close** is fast becoming a place of anti-social behaviour including drug taking and rubbish dumping.

The **Focus Team** is surprised that this has not been stopped by the police as they had been warned some time ago. Drug dealing and rubbish dumping cannot be allowed to go on.

Focus will again be contacting the Police, the Council and L&Q to try and put a stop to this anti-social behaviour.



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Are you concerned about our area, and want to do something about it?

Do you have a problem, idea or view?

Then why not get in touch with Focus, or join the local Focus Team.

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We would like to hear from you.



The Liberal Democrats may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information given to be used for this purpose.

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